



MINUTES

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF MONO

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Regular Meetings: The First, Second,
And Third Tuesday of each month

REGULAR MEETING

County Courthouse
Bridgeport, California 93517

February 20, 2007

9:00 a.m. Call meeting to Order led by Chairman Hazard

Pledge of Allegiance led by Supervisor Hunt

OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

No one spoke.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

- 1) CAO Report re Board Assignments **(David Wilbrecht)**
ACTION: Receive brief oral report by County Administrative Officer (CAO) regarding his activities. Not given.
- 2) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
Regular Meeting of February 6, 2007
M07-44 (Reid/Hunt 5-0)

CLOSED SESSION

Entered Closed Session @ 9:03 a.m. thru 10:00 a.m.

Recess taken from 10:00 a.m. thru 10:09 a.m.

No report from Closed Session

- 3) CONDUCT CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-ANTICIPATED LITIGATION. Significant exposure to litigation, pursuant to subdivision (b) of Government Code § 54956.9. Number of cases: Unknown.
- 4) CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS. Government Code Section 54957. Agency designated representatives: Dave Wilbrecht, Robert Garret, Brian Muir, Marshall Rudolph, and Mark Mikulich. Employee organization: Mono County Paramedic Rescue Association.
- 5) CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS. Government Code Section 54957. Agency designated representatives: Dave Wilbrecht, Robert Garret, Brian Muir, and Marshall Rudolph. Unrepresented Employees: Public Works Director and Assistant Public Works Director.

- 6) CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS. Government Code Section 54957. Agency designated representatives: Dave Wilbrecht, Robert Garret, Brian Muir, Rick Scholl, Greg Busey, and Marshall Rudolph. Employee organization: Mono County Sheriff's Officers' Association (aka Deputy Sheriffs' Association).
- 7) CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS. Government Code Section 54957. Agency designated representatives: Dave Wilbrecht, Robert Garret, Brian Muir, Rick Scholl, Greg Busey, and Marshall Rudolph. Employee organization: Mono County Sheriff Department's Management Association.
- 8) PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT. Discussion of status of Economic Development Coordinator position, pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.
- 9) CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION. Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to subdivision (b) of Government Code section 54956.9. Number of potential cases: one.
- 10) CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION. Subdivision (a) of Government Code section 54956.9. Name of Case: Sherman v. County of Mono (WCAB Case No. SBR 0320337).
- 11) CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS. Government Code section 54956.8. Property: Conway Ranch. Agency Negotiators: Dave Wilbrecht and Marshall Rudolph. Negotiating parties: Mono County and Inland Aquaculture Group, LLC. Under negotiation: price and terms of payment.

10:00 a.m.

REGULAR AGENDA

DEPARTMENT REPORTS/EMERGING ISSUES

(PLEASE LIMIT COMMENTS TO FIVE MINUTES EACH)

Tom Wallace addressed the Board. Negotiating team met last Friday to discuss this. The State has more administrative costs that are allowed in the contract. They asked for us to amend the contract to pay them more money. We declined. They want an amendment for the 07/08 year and more time to amend the contract. We have arranged a meeting, next month, to see if we can get more reason into this process. It's clear that it will be very difficult to renew the contract for July/08 with the same terms we have now. We'll bring back to you a staff report.

Greg Busey, Assistant Sheriff, addressed the Board. We would like to put together a staff report. We have a slot for the Riverside Academy (the first week in April). We will have a name plugged in for that space. It's an excellent program and we're testing, now, that might do the job for the County and the Sheriff's Office.

CONSENT AGENDA

(Farnetti/Hunt 5-0)

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

- 12a)** MOU with Mammoth Unified School District for Installation and Use of Radio Equipment
M07-45 **ACTION:** Approve and authorize Chairman's signature on MOU with Mammoth Unified School District for installation and use of radio equipment in School District facilities. Fiscal Impact: \$9,032 using Federal HRSA funds.
- 12b)** MOU with Eastern Sierra Unified School District for Installation and Use of Radio Equipment
M07-46 **ACTION:** Approve and authorize Chairman's signature on MOU with Eastern Sierra Unified School District for installation and use of radio equipment in School District facilities. Fiscal Impact: \$26,068 using Federal HRSA funds.

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- 13)** Assessment Appeals Board
M07-47 **ACTION:** Approve and authorize the reappointment of Paul Oster to the Mono County Assessment Appeals Board with his term expiring April, 2010.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:

Jeremy Ross

Application for appointment to the Mono County Fisheries Commission

Reid: I assume we have an opening. Clerk: It is still open. I have a gentleman who is interested from the Coleville-Walker area. Notify Bill Reid and Board of publishing timeframe. *(Ended 2/15/2007- will re-publish)*

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

- 15)** Mid Year Budget Review (**Brian Muir**)
M07-48 **ACTION:** Receive report on expenditures and revenues for the first six months of the current fiscal year. Receive department reports on the status of their budgets. Expenditures were approved (as attached).
(Hunt/Farnetti 5-0)

FINANCE/COUNTY COUNSEL

- 16) Acceptance of Gift to County from the Utu Utu Gwaitu Paiute Tribe- Funds for Purchase of Screen and Projector for Benton Community Center **(Brian Muir)**
R07-12 ACTION: (1) Receive staff report; (2) Adopt a **Resolution (R07-12)** accepting from the Utu Utu Gwaitu Paiute Tribe a gift of funds in the amount of \$4,328.64 for the purchase of a screen, projector, and associated components for use at the Benton Community Center, and thanking the Tribe for that gift.
(Hunt/Bauer 5-0)

COUNTY COUNSEL

- 17) Proposed Ordinance **(Marshall Rudolph)**
M07-49 ACTION: Introduce, read title, and waive further reading of proposed **Ordinance** amending Section 3.05.030 of the Mono County Code, pertaining to non-renewable leases or licenses of County property not exceeding ten years in duration. Direct Clerk of the Board to schedule the Ordinance for final approval for the next regularly scheduled Board meeting (3/6/2007).
(Bauer/Reid 5-0)

COUNTY ADMINISTRATION

- 18) Review and potentially approve space allocation at the Sierra Center Mall for various departments. Authorize staff to negotiate scope of services and fees for space planning services **(David Wilbrecht)**
M07-50 ACTION: Allocate full second floor space for the District Attorney only. Authorize staff to obtain space allocation and design review of the 3rd floor with financial specs to follow.
(Hunt/Bauer 5-0)

Tape One;
3250 to
Tape Two;
2211

MENTAL HEALTH / PUBLIC HEALTH

- 19a) Contract for State Hospital Access **(Ann Gimpel)**
M07-51 ACTION: Approve County entry into a proposed **contract** with the State Department of Mental Health (DMH) for State Hospital Access and authorize Ann Gimpel, Ph.D., Mental Health Director, to sign, administer, and act as liaison for said contract on behalf of Mono County. Fiscal Impact: None.
(Bauer/Reid 5-0)
- 19b) Contract for Mental Health Services Act Funding **(Ann Gimpel)**
M07-52 ACTION: Approve County entry into a proposed **contract** with the State Department of Mental Health (DMH) for Mental Health Services Act, Community Services and Supports funding, and authorize Ann Gimpel, Ph.D., Mental Health Director, to sign, administer, and act as liaison for said contract on behalf of Mono County. Fiscal Impact: \$1,083,907.
(Hunt/Farnetti 5-0)

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- 20) 30 Year Recognition for Pete Levy (**Supervisor Bauer**)
ACTION: Present 30-year award to Pete Levy.

Recess taken @ 11:31 a.m. thru 11:38 a.m.

- 1:00 p.m. **OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD**
No one spoke.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT / COUNTY COUNSEL

- 21a) Proposed Housing Mitigation Alternative, RESCO. Instead of standard housing mitigation, the alternative would allow RESCO to deed to the County a multifamily lot, along with staged payment of mitigation fees (**Larry Johnston, Mark Magit**)
M07-53 ACTION: (1) Find that the proposed alternative housing mitigation is comparable to the standard Housing Mitigation Ordinance requirements; (2) Approve the proposed alternative housing mitigation proposal; and (3) Authorize the Chairman's signature on the Housing Mitigation Agreement.
(Farnetti/Hunt 4-0; Abstain: Reid)

- 21b)** Regional Planning Advisory Committee Workshop (**Community Development Staff**)
RECOMMENDED ACTION: (1) Conduct workshop; and (2) Provide direction to staff.

Recess taken @ 1:25 p.m. thru 1:31 p.m.

Regional Planning Advisory Committees (RPAC)- Mono County's Citizen-Based Planning Framework:

Scott Burns addressed the Board. General Plan Vision, Why RPAC's, RPAC Evolution (this all started in 1985 in June Lake- which evolved into Regional Planning Advisory Committees). They oversaw the General Plan update and were extensively involved in planning policies. RPAC's are serving as a community forum. June Lake vs. Crowley. June Lake has always been very formal. Crowley Lake became informal back in the Paul Rowan days. We have a north and south split on this. We transitioned the Mono Basin (they became formal) on up to Mono Basin, Bridgeport, etc. We do have guidance that's in your packet and are subject to the Brown Act. We found that they have become institutionalized. RPAC accomplishments discussed. We did do some economic development. Housing Mitigation Ordinance. Regional Summary- Inactive Swauger Creek, Bodie Hills, and Upper Owens. Antelope Valley RPAC (Vice-President is here today). We have development pressure issues in North County. Bruce is looking at policy adjustments in response to these pressures. Bridgeport RPAC, Mono Basin RPAC, June Lake CAC, Long Valley RPAC (they haven't had a lot of pressing issues), Wheeler/Paradise (non-RPAC), Benton/Hammil Valley RPAC (a lot of visioning), and Chalfant Valley RPAC (this week a consultant is coming over for visioning). RPAC noticing- Electronic noticing system with CD Ritter. Recognition- we start to anticipate that the Board wants issues to go through the RPAC's. Purpose- is to advise the Board, Planning Commission, and Planning Division on the development, review, implementation and update of the Mono County General Plan and associated area/community plans.

Rudolph: I would like more clarification as to what you want the RPAC's to be and to do. It's a little unclear and too informal. If it's working fine, let's memorialize what we have. They were created as a concept but never formally written up. I can carve a structure for whatever you want. I want some document when questions come up regarding RPAC's. We have documents that hint around at an answer and past practice to go off of. Here are some questions that I would like direction on. 1- The term RPAC. To me, it's a misnomer in some instances. The "C" in RPAC stands for Committee. For legal purposes (if not common understanding), a "committee" is a body that has a fixed membership. For Brown Act purposes, you need to know who are the members of the body? Under the approach followed with some RPACs, it's whoever shows up that night. That's not really a "committee." It's a community meeting. But because the Board took action at one point to formally create the RPACs, you've triggered the Brown Act. Without knowing who the members are, how do you know when they are having a meeting? Are they inadvertently violating the Brown Act if they talk outside of an RPAC meeting? Who appoints them? A lot of the documents suggest that the District Supervisor nominates people, but that is not necessarily being followed. So membership (or composition) is one category of issues. The other category is the RPAC's purview: in other words, what is the scope of issues that they can look? If you look at the existing RPAC documents, they are there to advise on planning issues. As practices have occurred, however, they are clearing houses for general community issues. If there is an issue that affects a particular community, whether or not "planning," should it run through an RPAC? The Board feels that community specific issues are brought to the RPAC's. Who sets their agenda? Is it a vehicle for staff to bring things forward to the RPAC's? Or do the RPACs set their own agendas?

Bruce Woodworth- Antelope Valley RPAC addressed the Board. Please provide Bylaws to the Board for approval. We have 15 members and 3 alternates. We just recently voted to extend our scope. We feel we have local expertise. We have meetings at night when people can come. Rudolph: You could allow each RPAC to create proposed bylaws that the Board could approve within a framework. How do we select a Chair? Burns: Meeting Ground Rules. We had a question about RPAC's in 1998. **Minute Order 98-282**. There was a situation in 98. One of the RPAC's was fairly critical of their staff. Staff-bashing was viewed as a problem. The Board should set out some ground rules. Desire to include capital facilities plans and impact fees. Membership varies (7-11 members). Staff assistance, budget, notices, chair and secretary appointed, etc.

The guidance suggests that we don't vote but come up with a consensus. Potential RPAC adjustments: clarify responsibilities, staff role; refine RPAC participation, recognition, newsletter, etc. Rudolph: Modify existing policy. Hazard: There certainly is a difference with each RPAC. We can craft a document to allow the RPAC's to define the structure they want. I don't want to eliminate a designation or title. Rudolph: I would like to formalize it, as whatever it is. I would write something up that's customized. Reid: The term RPAC is much to do about nothing. Let them talk about anything they want. When they talk about things that are outside their designated purpose, then staff can funnel that information. It's good that people talk sometimes outside the scope. If we want people active in their communities, give them a free pass. Agendas- I've been trying to find out who puts them together. Planning? Themselves? Its better they do it themselves. Composition- It's very difficult to come up with that kind of a balance. I just went through it in Lee Vining. There were 5 openings. It's heavily flavored with Mono Lake people. You take who you can get. The Brown Act is a great thing. I've been to School Board meetings over the past few years. If you want compliance with the Brown Act, then you better send one of your deputies to each meeting. We have to zero in on the Brown Act because we may be out of bounds. Antelope Valley RPAC is very active and a good group of people. They've come up with some good recommendations. 1-Green houses 2-Export of water from Nevada 3-RPAC more regulatory power on projects/subdivision of 5 and over. My theory is that less government is less government. This would be another level of government. Can the Board give the RPAC's more authority? What standards? What criteria? RPAC's are lay people. Bruce has a lot of expertise. But for the most part, the RPAC is made up of lay people. Would 1 or 2 people dominate the discussion and vote? What are the goals of doing that? Sometimes the loudest voice prevails. I've seen it over 20 years at the Senior Center. Bylaws- I don't see anything wrong with that. I wouldn't curtail the issues they discuss or not. I'm not hung up on whether it's a committee or not. I'm happy that people show up and are interested. Hunt: Because our jurisdictions overlap, there's a form already in place. We can attend Town Council meetings. Maybe we can create a Town Hall Meeting forum. I worry about tightening this whole issue up. Rudolph: I'm not trying to change the RPAC's, I'm just saying that whatever you want them to be is fine, but it would be nice to have documentation that was consistent with what you want.

Direction of staff- Checking with RPAC's (lack of documentation/paperwork to correspond to them). Let's customize the document to fit each RPAC. Report back to the Board.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATION / COUNTY COUNSEL

- 22a)** Employee Negotiations- Adoption of Amendment to Memorandum of Understanding
(Robert Garret, Marshall Rudolph)

NO ACTION: I suggest we continue this. The Presidency has changed. **Continued to 3/6.**

- 22b)** Employee Negotiations- Adoption of a New Memorandum of Understanding
(Robert Garret, Marshall Rudolph)

- R07-13** **ACTION:** Adopt **Resolution (R07-13)** adopting and approving a new memorandum of understanding between the County and the Mono County Sheriff's Officers' Association (also known as the Deputy Sheriffs' Association). Fiscal Impact: FY 2006/2007: \$79,000; FY 2007/2008: \$217,000.
(Hunt/Bauer 5-0)

*Lunch recess taken @ 2:41 p.m. thru 3:32 p.m.
Entered Closed Session @ 3:43 p.m. thru 5:13 p.m.*

***Adjourned to Evening Meeting @ 6:00 p.m.
June Lake Community Center***

*Meeting opened @ 6:19 p.m.
Present: Reid, Bauer, Hazard, Farnetti, and Hunt*

- 6:00 p.m.** **OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD**
Public Comment: No one spoke.

23) June Lake Economic Development Status Report (Dave Wilbrecht, Scott Burns, Larry Johnston, Dan Lyster)

ACTION: 1. Receive verbal and power point report regarding June Lake Economic Development since the joint Board of Supervisors and June Lake Coalition meeting October 10, 2007; direct staff on Board preferences and priorities. 2. Receive community reports concerning related matters, including June Lake Loop Natural History Museum, Igor Vorobyoff, June Lake Economic Development Corp., and others. *(Community reports limited to 10 minutes each).*

Minutes from October 10th Board Meeting passed to the public. Scott Burns did not do a PowerPoint presentation. We went over the June Lake Area Plan, goals, CEQA process by Marshall Rudolph, and public comment. The Supervisors each spoke. Final motion read and discussed.

Scott Burns addressed the Board. I'll address the minimum density item (reviewed with the Housing Authority). They are looking at it as a way to encourage housing development. We'll set a maximum density (up to 10 units per acre). We're sure of seeing some density on these properties. The directive is that we look into this. It would go thru our normal process. We do community based planning with the June Lake Citizens Advisory Committee. They will hold public meetings on this, come up with proposed language then taken to the Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors. An environmental review would have to be done 30-45 day review period. Another public hearing, action would be advisory, second public hearing with the Board, and finally adopt the new provision. It's possible and acceptable route. We give a lot of forethought to future water users and in the process of doing water studies.

Larry Johnston addressed the Board. I've been working with the Interwest Project. Some months ago, we initiated a water study for the Interwest Project, they have sponsored the water studies that would be used as part of the environmental documents. A report by those consultants was given at one of the coalition meetings. Status: It's not yet final. We want to know the status of the well water. 2 exploratory wells were drawn. They apparently have sufficient quantity. Where is this water coming from? They have sampled the water from these wells and other surface waters on June Mountain to see what relationship there is with these sources. Right now, they completed the sampling. We talked this week with the consultants. They are waiting for the analysis. A report is expected by the middle of next month to present. Bauer: How many pieces are done and how many are left to do with a full CEQA document? Johnston: We've got quite a bit of work done on the archeological, botanical, and water. They will have to be looked at again. The samples are getting out of date. We have to do some additional water work. Those three items are done. Application submitted for 499 units. Once they submit that and it's accepted, they would submit funding for the consultants to do a specific plan and the environmental work.

We have not received the application/funding as complete. Bauer: The Specific Plan entails... Johnston: The consultants would look at this and create a specific plan. Along the way, this would be the development proposal. Once that is done, you analyze on public services, traffic, trail use, visual quality, reconsider a biological, botanical aspects of the project, water, and so on. We have a good consultant waiting in the wings. We have been meeting with the applicant. We met last week. We did an analysis on a similar type project and laid it all out to them. We also gave them copies of the calculator that we devised.

Dave Wilbrecht addressed the Board. We have met the developer a couple of times. I think my mission is to move forward with economic projects. The Board is interested in the TOT taxes. There's a 499 plan that kind of worked. We're waiting to see what they're coming back with.

Dan Lyster addressed the Board. As a part of the process in the long-term of perhaps applying for a larger grant. It is not going to benefit one particular business but the community. The title of the grant is: June Lake Retail Absorption Grant. One of our applications submitted was rejected but this one was accepted. Final product description discussed. This had been submitted. We should hear in the next 6-8 weeks. If we get this money, we'll hire a consultant and get feedback from the June Lake community. Wilbrecht: The Board approved today a new Economic Developer Manager. Bauer: We've been trying to do that for two years. Bauer: Interwest will be ready for their workshop on May 1st. Perhaps they will have submitted a new plan by then. It's a moving target. It was about six weeks ago, the Planning Commission had their first adjourned meeting. Reid: It was well-received. 25-30 people in the Walker/Coleville area. Scott took the public on a tour of proposed projects. They want as much county presence up there. I'm sure you feel the same down here. These adjourned meetings are valuable. Bauer: All of us here have toured the rodeo grounds. Planning Commission received the notebooks. I'm hoping in June/July we can have a joint Planning/Coalition meeting.

Community Reports: Igor – We had a community meeting last week. I've always wanted to set up a natural history thing and set up a proposal. It won't take too much to do it. I'm looking at a series of displays of all the stuff in the June Lake Loop. I'm already set up after 30 years of hiking these trails. Tourists can pick these up and go on their own on the trails. I'm thinking of guided trail hiking as well. We can put it up at the kiosk at the June Lake Junction. I'm starting this. I don't know if I need approval.

June Lake Economic Development Corp. Lauri Pascetti addressed the Board. Keeping along with our mission statement, we support a proactive relationship with June Mountain and examine and become aware of challenges this community faces. We believe there's a greater good with development. Our meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month at the Double Eagle. Next meeting is March 13th. We developed a community outreach program. Website www.jledc.com or simply talk to one of the board members.

Robin Hart addressed the Board for Fern Creek Lodge and President of the Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber developed a way that we had hoped to drive business this winter mid-week. With the lack of snow, we tabled the project until next year. Passing out the cards would not have gotten mid-week business for the mountain. We decided that it would be best to table the item. While fishing season is the mainstay in the summer, right now we have some serious problems with Hot Creek Hatchery. The impact the lack of snow has will be a long-range affect. We're supporting the June Lake tri-athlon on July 7th. We depend on the ski season and fishing season to maintain our businesses. I had to cut down on employees. Catch and release is not the answer to our problems. Changing the area to "catch and release" would not work.

Dan Lyster addressed the Board. 20 years ago, Berkley tested bait here in June Lake. An event could be held here in October (shoulder season). I'll get back to you for some ideas. I haven't got a final decision from them but this was the birthplace of Powerbait. If we can tie June Lake into the product recognition, that would be great.

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- 24) June Mountain Early Closure (**Supervisor Bauer**)
ACTION: 1. Update and report on status of activities since the closure of June Mountain on 28 January 2007; and 2. Discussion of possible further action related to June Mountain closure.

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Bauer: I am really proud of being part of this community. It has really made me proud. Everyone seems to be very reliant. The bad news is that we're all hurting economically. It's not about money as to why we live here. We're standing on our own two feet. We have a rich past and we never tap into it. We had ourselves convinced that something in our past can help our future. We were all reaching for Special Events. It didn't take us to work through the fact that no single event would help our problems. Chris Lizza has a special going on right now. It will take our new grant writer to put something together about our cultural heritage. We have a lot of service groups doing a lot of work.

Carol McAnn, President of the Woman's Club and Secretary of the JLEDC. Addressed the Board. There was a very successful dinner. The next series of new dinners is Monday, March 5th. These are for all community members. It is a time for locals, business owners, and employees to gather as a community. If you want to volunteer with food, help, please contact the June Lake Woman's Club members. The Thrift Store staff has been doing a wonderful job! We have IMACA back into the community. The Fire Dept. also bought another shipment of food. Woman's Club will match that. We like to keep the employees in June Lake until summer time.

I was glad to hear about the Interwest public meetings coming up. We're not getting any information. Wilbrecht: We're hoping to receive something May 1st. It's our goal to move forward with that project. They followed through for some requests for information on affordable housing. They may have something to show us in May. We're all waiting as well until they submit a real plan. Bauer: I agreed this was a weather related closure. I think that I'm going to close. We need to come to terms with corporate warnings. We had a different set of circumstances here.

Rusty Gregory addressed the Board. This very much is about closing because of Mother Nature. This had nothing to do with our commitment to June and the future of June. We feel that for this community to do well, it can't sustain itself economically. It needs 1,000 hotel rooms. Interwest just laid off 200 people. June Lake is about as far off of there burner, off the stove, and out of the kitchen. This is a painful year for all of us. Mammoth is down 30%. We're off by 30 million in revenue. We're very well-financed. Despite this hiccup in snowfall, we'll be back next year. We want to follow your vision. We want to be honest and straight-forward.

Hunt: Can you give us a little more insight on global warming? This is a huge threat to the ski areas. Gregory: I am not knowledgeable enough to comment. I have emotional views. Global warming has existed for sometime. It's highly possible that there won't be a ski business in 50-60 years from now. We're fortunate that the mountains are high and weather is more likely to be volatile. We will be lucky here because of the pacific storms coming in. Tahoe, Squaw, Heavenly.. Are about a week or two from shutting down. Farnetti: Is that the general condition of ski areas due to lack of snow? Gregory: It has. Colorado is well below normal. Even on the border, they haven't had much snow in the last month or two. Even in Russia, they are 40% below normal in snow shortages. It's a huge impact in Europe this year as well. Skiing is actually quite good right now.

Hunt: I still have incredible hopes for June Lake. Not just skiing but overall. June Lake has a place in the California economy for unique, charming, and sought-after places in our state. Farnetti: This has been a real eye-opener for the community. For June Lake to be successful there has to be more of a bed base. The community does have a vision, a solid area plan, and I am anxious for somebody to come in here and make use of the rodeo grounds to benefit the community and the mountain. Hazard: There are few communities that are going through the hit that you are currently. I really feel for you as you try to work through this. We need to diversify our economics. I appreciate seeing the community come together. My vote will be here to move you guys into the future.

Reid: It's very informative. I was on the Board for 12 years. John Cecil passed away and people asked me if I considered running again. I've been on the Board for 3 months. Things are different today, communities are changing, and the County government is changing. It's really exciting. I like these outreach meetings. I look for the community to tell me what you want your community to look like. I look forward to meeting down here again and getting your economy back. Bauer: It's more than the rodeo grounds, the ski area. It's about diversity. There's 65 days until the fishing opener. Thank you.

Meeting adjourned @ 7:22 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourn meeting and reconvene in regular session of **March 6, 2007**, at the hour of 9:00 a.m. in the Board Chambers, County Courthouse, Bridgeport, California.

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